

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1 and 3-5 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1 and 3-5 have been amended to address cosmetic matters of form. Withdrawn Claims 6-15 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added.

By way of summary, the Official Action presents the following issues: Claims 1 and 3-5 are objected to as to form; Claims 1 and 3-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and Claim 1 was indicated as allowable.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter recited in Claim 1.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Official Action has objected to Claims 1 and 3-5 as to matters of form.

Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 3-5 in accordance with the suggestions outlined in paragraph 3 of the Official Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection of Claims 1 and 3-5 be withdrawn.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

The outstanding Official Action has rejected Claims 1 and 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as invention. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

A paragraph 6 in the Official Action, the claim terminology “portion” is identified as indefinite as:

... because, when interpreted in light of figure 10, the claim "portion altering the depth of the first detection hole" clearly does not support the operating projection as claimed.

Applicants respectfully disagree with this characterization of Figure 10. For example, as shown in Figure 10A, the claimed "portion" corresponds to (93a). As this portion serves as a bridge with respect to (93d) the operating projection is not easily deformed during a sliding operation. As such, the bridging function of the portion (93a) "supports" the operating projection as claimed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 1 and 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Consequently, in view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present Application, including Claims 1 and 3-5, is patently distinguished over the prior art, in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,


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